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What can you do to help?

You can help your child progress by practicing at home no more than five minutes a night. Flash cards are a great tool, but simply saying the facts aloud will be effective. If you wish to do a second session, wait at least an hour, or try it again in the morning. When memorizing facts, two short sessions hours apart are far more helpful than one long session. Thanks for helping your child master this important life skill.

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